

New Hampshire Career Resource Network

For those of you new to the field, this is an introduction to your source for career resources.

SHORT ANSWER: Provider of Career Development Resources

LONG ANSWER: NHCRN disseminates information about education, jobs, occupations, and careers. It provides tools for using this information in career and educational planning to all who may benefit from such information, including but not limited to educators, students, parents, counselors, dislocated workers, staff of government agencies and community-based organizations, and others in the fields of education, training, and employment.

NHCRN services include career information publications, such as New Hampshire Job Notes and Licensed, Certified, and Registered Occupations in New Hampshire. Another service is marketing of career-related materials. NHCRN will also provide school and career fair/day presentations and training for those who assist students or clients in career and educational planning; and support for computer or web-based occupational information systems.

Some of the resources include:

Career Development & Labor Market Presentations
 Job Notes - Annual Career Development Publication full of opportunities for providing hands on activities and projects (This publication is in high demand.)
 Occupational Outlook Handbook
 Career Videos – (available on cd)
 Career Posters
 NHCRN Newsletter - quarterly
 Wage & Education Bookmark
 Apprenticeship Brochure
 Real Game Career Development Program
 Very comprehensive website of career resources www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/nhcrn/index.htm
Several other career development & labor market information resource publications:
NH Job Outlook & Locator
Occupational & Industry Profile Papers
NH Employment Projections
NH Occupational Employment & Wages
Licensed, Certified & Registered Occupations in NH



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Construction Careers

The construction industry is the biggest industry in the nation. It accounts for more than \$800 billion annual in the United States. Nearly 5 million men and women are employed in this industry. In the years to come even more will be needed.

Career opportunities are nearly unlimited in the construction industry. There are many different jobs for many different people. Each has its own advantages, responsibilities, and rewards for those who are qualified. Salaries are flexible, they depend on you; your abilities, effort, initiative, and dedication are the major factors. Some construction careers require specialized training, while others require a broad understanding of the total project, gained only after years of experience.

Construction is truly an industry where men and women can start at the bottom and work their way to the top.

Construction company owners often begin their careers in the trades. Because of the physical labor associated with the industry, many once believed it was a "man's world", but modern technology and changing attitudes have created exciting opportunities for men and women. With training and experience, construction employees can move steadily along a career path, learning while they earn a great living.

Whatever construction career you choose, you will need the well-rounded educational background offered in your public school system. By choosing your courses wisely, you can get a head start on concepts you will use when you join the workforce. Should you choose to go on to college, the knowledge you learn now will be the foundation for more advanced courses to build on.



Did You Know?

About 59 million people did volunteer work at some point from September 2001 to September 2002, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported on September 18, 2002. These new data on volunteer service were collected through a supplement to the September 2002 Current Population Survey (CPS). www.eworkforce.org/

Educational Requirements for Construction Careers

Some of the educational requirements for all fields within the construction industry:

- ☐ **COMMUNICATIONS**--All the career paths require your ability to read and comprehend what you read. You must be able to communicate both in written form and verbally. In addition to basic English courses offered, we suggest you elect a public speaking course.
- ☐ **MATHEMATICS**--You must be proficient in basic math in order to succeed in the construction industry. If you choose the field of engineering as a career, you should master the advanced math curriculum in addition to basic math.
- ☐ **SCIENCE**--As a supplement to the basic science knowledge learned in high school, you will find it helpful to gain an understanding of the physical sciences, particularly if you have chosen engineering as a career.
- ☐ **BUSINESS**--All basic business courses will be useful in the construction fields. Should you choose accounting/financing as your career, take all the business courses offered.
- ☐ **ART**--If you choose architecture as your career you will find art courses helpful. Some colleges require a portfolio as part of their entrance requirement.
- ☐ **DRAFTING**--If your school offers design/drafting courses, take them. You'll need the background for surveying, land planning, architecture and engineering.
- ☐ **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**--Building trade courses can give you some valuable "hands on" knowledge to help you learn basic field skills.

These are basic guidelines; the guidance counselor can always help the student with specific course/career planning. The most important thing to remember is that whether or not students plan to go to college, they need a high school education. For additional information, contact:

NH Construction Careers Council
c/o NH Good Roads Association
261 Sheep Davis Road, Suite 5
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 224-1823.



Do you know a student that could write an article on a subject related to career exploration? If so, we would like to hear from you.

We are always looking for bright young New Hampshire authors to lend their writing abilities to our annual Job Notes publication. They get a great opportunity to show off their writing skills to a readership of over 50,000 while we get another great career development story from the student's view. To find out more call (603) 229-4489 or email me at rric@nhes.state.nh.us.

Student Authors Needed

Announcing the Statewide



New Hampshire
Department
of
Education

School-to-Career & Tech Prep Conference

**Are NH Students getting the Best of the BEST?
Hear about programs developed by your peers.**

Wednesday, January 12, 2005

8:00am - 2:30pm

**NH Technical College Institute
Concord, NH**

Conference workshops are designed to meet the needs of both beginning and veteran professionals in the field. Workshops Themes: Career Development, Post-Secondary Connections, and Professional Development & School/Business Partnerships

Workshop topics include but are not limited to

- **Work Based Learning Issues**
- **Employer Connections to the Classroom**
- **Educator Connections to Employers**
- **Career Pathway and Curriculum Development**
- **Career Guidance Issues**
- **College Connections/Articulation/Dual Credit/
Advanced Standing/College Admissions & Access**
- **Local/National Resources**
- **High Quality Models**

Who Should Be Attending?

School-To-Career & Work-Based Learning Coordinators, Guidance Counselors, Career Ed Teachers
This conference is for NH experts and provided by NH experts!

Cost: \$15.00/person

(Includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch, & Certificate for 6 Professional Development Hours)

Contact Eastern Region Partnership for Registration Form

(603) 433-1964 or admin@erpartnership.org

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 17, 2004

Career Development Web Sites To Check Out

Know a good site - let me know so we can share with your fellow professionals.

America's Job Bank – search a nationwide listing

www.acinet.org

America's CareerInfo Net – labor market and career information both nationwide and by state

www.alx.org

Federal Jobs Central – information on jobs with the federal government

www.fedjobs.com

Career Mosaic – commercial job and career site

www.careermosaic.com

Career Path - commercial job and career site

www.careerpath.com

The Employment Guide's Career Web – commercial job and career site

www.cweb.com

Jobweb - commercial job and career site maintained by the National Association of Colleges and Employers

www.jobweb.org

Monster Board – commercial job and career site

www.monster.com

The Riley Guide – employment opportunities and resources

www.rileyguide.com

Occupational Outlook Handbook – career information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

stats.bls.gov.oco/home.htm

Employment and Training Administration – job and career

information

www.doleta.gov/individ.htm

National Center for Education Statistics – College Opportunities On-Line

www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool

The College Board – information on colleges, testing, and more

www.collegeboard.org

nhfirstJob - Entry-level job openings/jobseeker qualifications.

www.nhfirstjob.net

Peterson's – the popular print guide to colleges on-line

www.petersons.com

Embark – college information such as schools, scholarships, distance learning, testing, and more

www.embark.com

College Net – college information such as schools, scholarships, distance learning, testing, and more

www.collegenet.com

Job Corps NE – information about New England's Job Corps Program

www.NEJobCorps.org

School-to-Work – information about school-to-work in New Hampshire

www.ed.state.nh.us/SchoolToWork/Sch-To-Wk.htm

Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) – research materials on topics such as career development, conflict resolution, and achievement

www.uncg.edu/edu/ericass/libhome.htm

New Hampshire Career Resource Network – career development information www.state.nh.us/elmi/nhcrn/index.htm

New Hampshire Employment Security – job opportunities & labor market information www.state.nh.us/elmi/index.html.



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